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**Idaho Milk Production Up 7.7 Percent**

Idaho milk production during March 2006 totaled 893 million pounds, a 7.7 percent increase from the same month last year, and up 103 million pounds from February 2006. Revised production for February 2006 totaled 790 million pounds, down 5 million pounds from the preliminary estimate but 7.6 percent above February 2005. Average milk production per cow in March 2006 was 1,880 pounds, up 210 pounds from February 2006, and unchanged from March 2005. The average number of milk cows during March was 475,000 head, up 2,000 head from February 2006, and up 34,000 head from March 2005.

Milk production in the 23 major States during March totaled 14.6 billion pounds, up 5.5 percent from March 2005. February revised production, at 13.0 billion pounds, was up 5.9 percent from February 2005. The February revision represented a decrease of 7 million pounds from last month's preliminary production estimate. Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,773 pounds for March, 66 pounds above March 2005. The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.22 million head, 124,000 head more than March 2005, and 17,000 head more than February 2006.

**Milk Production, Average Number of Cows, Selected States, March 2005-2006**

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Change From 2005
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	
	1,000 Head		Pounds		Million Pounds		Percent
Arizona	164	166	2,080	2,170	341	360	5.6
California	1,744	1,785	1,850	1,920	3,226	3,427	6.2
Colorado	102	107	1,925	1,980	196	212	8.2
Florida	139	133	1,640	1,600	228	213	-6.6
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>475</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>1,880</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>893</b>	<b>7.7</b>
Illinois	105	104	1,670	1,720	175	179	2.3
Indiana	156	163	1,700	1,775	265	289	9.1
Iowa	191	200	1,795	1,810	343	362	5.5
Kansas	110	111	1,810	1,840	199	204	2.5
Kentucky	107	101	1,140	1,220	122	123	0.8
Michigan	309	315	1,825	1,900	564	599	6.2
Minnesota	455	450	1,570	1,630	714	734	2.8
Missouri	119	115	1,400	1,500	167	173	3.6
New Mexico	322	347	1,790	1,910	576	663	15.1
New York	648	649	1,570	1,630	1,017	1,058	4.0
Ohio	268	273	1,520	1,550	407	423	3.9
Oregon	121	121	1,640	1,610	198	195	-1.5
Pennsylvania	560	555	1,600	1,700	896	944	5.4
Texas	318	328	1,795	2,000	571	656	14.9
Vermont	143	143	1,595	1,610	228	230	0.9
Virginia	105	103	1,495	1,560	157	161	2.5
Washington	239	238	2,020	1,980	483	471	-2.5
Wisconsin	1,233	1,241	1,560	1,620	1,923	2,010	4.5
<b>23 STATE TOTAL</b>	<b>8,099</b>	<b>8,223</b>	<b>1,707</b>	<b>1,773</b>	<b>13,825</b>	<b>14,579</b>	<b>5.5</b>

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

## April Potato Stocks

Potato stocks held by growers, dealers, and processors in Idaho on April 1 totaled 42.5 million cwt, 9.50 million cwt less than on hand April 1, 2005. Disappearance, at 74.5 million cwt, is down from last year's 80.0 million cwt. Stocks in the 10 Southwest counties totaled 2.40 million cwt, down from last year's revised 3.10 million cwt. The Other counties' stocks, at 40.1 million cwt, were 8.80 million cwt less than the amount stored on April 1, 2005.

Nationally, the 13 major potato States held 114 million cwt of potatoes in storage April 1, 2006, down 11 percent from last year and 9 percent below April 1, 2004, for comparable States. Ohio and Pennsylvania were dropped from the potato stocks program starting with the 2005 storage season. Potatoes in storage account for 31 percent of the 2005 fall storage States' production, down 1 percentage point from last year. Disappearance of 259 million cwt of potatoes is down 5 percent from last year for comparable States. Shrink and loss, at 21.6 million cwt so far this season, is down 20 percent from last year for comparable States.

### Fall Potatoes: Production & Stocks 2000-2005 Idaho & 15 Fall States

CROP YEAR	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS						
		DEC 1	FOLLOWING YEAR					
			JAN 1	FEB 1	MAR 1	APR 1	MAY 1	JUN 1
IDAHO		1,000 Cwt						
2000	152,320	111,000	101,000	87,500	76,500	61,500	47,000	26,500
2001	120,200	87,500	78,000	68,000	58,000	45,000	32,500	18,500
2002	133,385	92,000	82,500	72,500	62,000	49,000	34,500	21,000
2003	123,180	86,000	76,500	67,000	58,000	46,000	33,000	19,500
2004	131,970	93,500	84,500	75,000	64,000	52,000	38,500	24,000
2005	116,975	84,000	74,500	65,000	55,000	42,500		
15 States 1/								
2000	458,827	310,300	275,270	234,260	197,670	153,520	109,160	61,270
2001	387,033	258,750	224,680	192,090	158,590	119,950	81,200	42,990
2002	407,085	264,485	231,490	199,020	165,210	125,770	83,040	45,880
2003	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005 2/	372,581	251,800	218,900	187,600	153,700	113,900		

1/ See table below for listing of 15 states. 2/ 13 states for 2005.

### Production And Total Stocks Of Fall Potatoes Held By Growers, Processors And Local Dealers On April 1, 2005 And April 1, 2006 1/

STATE	CROP OF 2004			CROP 2005		
	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2005 2/	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION	PRODUCTION	TOTAL STOCKS APRIL 1, 2006	APRIL 1 STOCKS AS % OF PRODUCTION
	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>	<u>1,000 Cwt</u>		<u>Percent</u>
California	3,648	900	25	3,240	700	22
Colorado	23,791	9,000	38	22,292	7,800	35
Idaho	131,970	52,000	39	116,975	42,500	36
Maine	19,065	7,500	39	15,736	6,800	43
Michigan	13,650	2,200	16	13,920	2,200	16
Minnesota	18,920	6,500	34	17,630	4,500	26
Montana	3,551	1,900	54	3,434	1,700	50
Nebraska	9,288			8,245	2,200	27
New York	5,184	300	6	5,226	500	10
N. Dakota	26,765	10,300	38	20,500	4,800	23
Ohio 3/	1,080					
Oregon	19,775	6,200	31	22,023	8,500	39
Pennsylvania 3/	2,640	500	19			
Washington	93,810	22,000	23	95,480	24,500	26
Wisconsin	30,450	7,200	24	27,880	7,200	26
Other States		2,400				
15 STATES 4/	403,587	128,900	32	372,581	113,900	31

1/ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2005 totaled 24.7 million cwt.

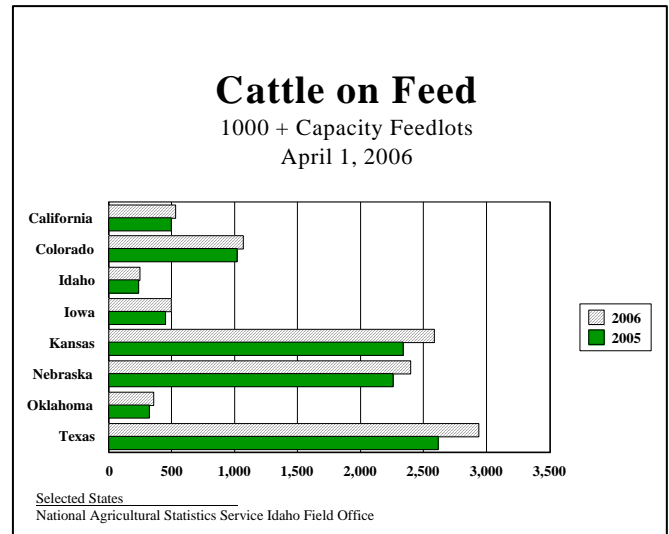
2/ Missing stocks combined into "Other States". 3/ Stock estimates discontinued in 2005. 4/ 13 States for the 2005 crop.

## Idaho Cattle on Feed Up 4 Percent

Cattle on feed for the slaughter market in Idaho from feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head on April 1, 2006 totaled 250,000 head, up 4 percent from the April 1, 2005 inventory. The inventory was down 2 percent from the number on hand March 1, 2006. Placements of cattle into State feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 or more head during March totaled 42,000 head, down 2,000 head from March 2005 placements. Marketings during March totaled 45,000 head, down 8,000 from March 2005 marketings.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.8 million head on April 1, 2006. The inventory was 9 percent above April 1, 2005 and 10 percent above April 1, 2004. This is the highest April 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during March totaled 1.84 million, 5 percent above 2005 and 1 percent above 2004. Net placements were 1.75 million. During March, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 380,000, 600-699 pounds were 342,000, 700-799 pounds were 565,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 550,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during March totaled 1.96 million, down slightly from 2005 and slightly below 2004. Other disappearance totaled 90,000 during March, 32 percent above 2005 and 34 percent above 2004.



## Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, 1,000+ Capacity Feedlots<sup>1/</sup>

State	Apr. 1, 2005	Mar. 1, 2006	April 1, 2006		
			Number	As % of 2005	As % of Mar.
Arizona California Colorado <b>Idaho</b> Iowa Kansas Nebraska New Mexico Oklahoma South Dakota Texas Washington Other States <b>United States</b>	---1,000 Head---		---Percent---		
	326	351	351	108	100
	500	550	535	107	97
	1,020	1,090	1,070	105	98
	<b>240</b>	<b>255</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>98</b>
	455	520	500	110	96
	2,340	2,610	2,590	111	99
	2,260	2,450	2,400	106	98
	113	143	139	123	97
	325	365	360	111	99
	205	210	210	102	100
	2,620	3,010	2,940	112	98
	159	154	152	96	99
	310	315	315	102	100
	<b>10,873</b>	<b>12,023</b>	<b>11,812</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>98</b>

<sup>1/</sup>Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

## Idaho Foodsize Trout Sales Increased in 2005

Idaho foodsize trout (trout 12 inches and longer) sales during 2005 totaled \$35.3 million, up 3 percent from the \$34.3 million in 2004. The number of foodsize fish sold was 44.0 million, up 13 percent from the 39.0 million sold a year ago. Total pounds sold in 2005 were 43.6 million pounds, compared to 42.9 million pounds in 2004. Average price per pound for food size trout was \$0.81, up from \$0.80 in 2004. Idaho accounted for 73 percent of the weight of foodsize trout sold in 2005.

Nationally, the number of food size trout sold during 2005 totaled 55.5 million fish, up 12 percent from the previous year. The average price per pound was \$1.05, up 2 cents from 2004.

The value of sales for the 2005 marketing year was 62.6 million dollars, up 5 percent from 2004. Based on the dollar value, 67 percent were sold to processors compared to 73 percent in 2004. The next largest point of sale for both years was to fee and recreational fishing establishments.

The total value of all sales, both fish and eggs, received by trout growers in the 20 selected States totaled 74.2 million dollars during 2005, an increase of 4 percent from 2004. For the Nation, sales of fish totaled 69.1 million dollars for 2005, while egg sales totaled 5.14 million dollars. The State of Idaho accounted for 51 percent of the total value of fish sold.

## Idaho Red Meat Production Unchanged For Last Year

Commercial red meat production at Idaho packing plants for March 2006 totaled 28.7 million pounds, unchanged from last year. March production was up 20 percent from the 24.0 million pounds produced in February. Accumulated red meat production for the January-March 2006 period totaled 76.2 million pounds, up 11 percent from the comparable period a year earlier.

Commercial red meat production for the United States totaled 4.11 billion pounds in March, up 6 percent from the 3.88 billion pounds produced in March 2005. Beef production, at 2.21 billion pounds, was 8 percent above the previous year. Cattle slaughter totaled 2.85 million head, up 5 percent from March 2005. The average live weight was up 36 pounds from the previous year, at 1,273 pounds. Veal production totaled 13.3 million pounds, slightly above March a year ago. Calf slaughter totaled 59,200 head, down 13 percent

from March 2005. The average live weight was 42 pounds above last year, at 370 pounds. Pork production totaled 1.87 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous year. Hog kill totaled 9.23 million head, 3 percent above March 2005. The average live weight was 1 pound above the previous year, at 272 pounds. Lamb and mutton production, at 18.2 million pounds, was down 6 percent from March 2005. Sheep slaughter totaled 249,700 head, 11 percent below last year. The average live weight was 145 pounds, up 6 pounds from March a year ago. January to March 2006 commercial red meat production was 11.5 billion pounds, up 5 percent from 2005. Accumulated beef production was up 6 percent from last year, veal was down 3 percent, pork was up 4 percent from last year, and lamb and mutton production was up slightly.

### Commercial Red Meat Production, Selected States and United States <sup>1/</sup>

State	March 2005	February 2006	March 2006	March 2006 as As Percent Of <sup>2/</sup>	
				March 2005	February 2006
	Million Pounds			Percent	
California	126.2	*115.9	144.1	114	124
Colorado	141.9	137.9	150.9	106	109
<b>IDAHO</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>28.7</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>120</b>
Illinois	230.9	211.1	244.7	106	116
Iowa	566.3	513.9	577.2	102	112
Kansas	482.5	413.5	532.1	110	129
Minnesota	191.6	180.0	209.4	109	116
Montana	1.1	1.3	1.2	108	92
Nebraska	595.0	525.7	578.1	97	110
Nevada	0.1	0.1	0.1	93	136
Oklahoma	93.8	82.0	94.7	101	115
Oregon	3.8	3.7	4.0	105	109
South Dakota	85.0	85.1	81.9	96	96
Texas	380.4	316.6	430.7	113	136
Utah	35.6	39.1	44.5	125	114
Washington	44.3	57.1	66.3	150	116
Wyoming	0.6	0.5	0.4	80	88
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>3,878.1</b>	<b>*3,483.9</b>	<b>4,111.7</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>118</b>

1/Includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb and mutton. 2/ Percentages based on unrounded data. \*Revised.